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In re Application of:
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DECISION ON PETITION TO
RESET PERIOD FOR REPLY

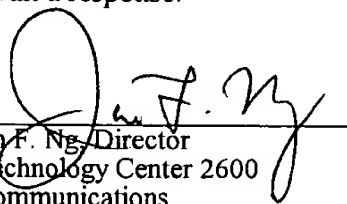
This is a decision on the petition filed on February 26, 2003, requesting that the shortened statutory period for reply set forth in the Office communication mailed on December 13, 2002 be reset to run from the date on which the Office communication was actually received at the correspondence address of record.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Petitioner provided a statement that the Office communication in question was received at the correspondence address of record on February 24, 2003. The petition was filed within two weeks of receipt of the Office communication. A substantial portion of the set reply period had elapsed on the date of receipt.

A review of the file finds that the non-Final Office action originally mailed on December 13, 2002, was remailed to applicant on February 27, 2003.

Accordingly, the shortened statutory period that was originally set forth in the Office communication originally mailed on December 13, 2002 has been reset to run from the date of the new mailing, February 27, 2003. The application has been forwarded to TC 2600 central files to await a response.


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